



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot and mostly dry conditions continued this past week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The San Luis Valley and western counties reported measurable to significant precipitation in areas. Beneficial moisture will bump up crop and rangeland conditions but may temper the beginning of small grains harvest in those areas. Northeastern counties experienced hot weather this past week and isolated severe weather accompanied by hail. Irrigation demand remains high and non-irrigated crops are showing signs of heat stress. Overall, crop maturity is advancing due to the heat, but moisture is needed in drier areas to preserve crop and range conditions. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 81 percent average and 19 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting.....	94	91	89	89
3 rd cutting	32	20	19	28
Barley				
Turning color	94	88	93	94
Harvested	25	20	23	33
Corn				
Silked	96	90	93	94
Dough	30	13	31	34
Dented	2	--	4	4
Dry beans				
Flowered	95	87	78	82
Onions				
Harvested	1	NA	4	5
Sorghum				
Headed	78	66	68	58
Turning color	20	10	21	22
Spring wheat				
Turning color	78	68	85	88
Harvested	15	7	25	20

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.5	6.2	6.5	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	4	4	21
Short	24	21	23	31
Adequate	66	67	71	46
Surplus	5	8	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	4	28
Short	19	18	22	31
Adequate	73	73	73	40
Surplus	4	5	1	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	8
Poor	2	2	4	12
Fair	14	14	27	27
Good.....	65	65	56	43
Excellent.....	19	19	13	10
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	--	1	2
Fair	13	13	15	26
Good.....	52	53	54	55
Excellent.....	35	34	30	16
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	11
Poor	2	2	3	9
Fair	14	15	21	24
Good.....	66	65	65	46
Excellent.....	17	17	11	10
Dry beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor	2	2	1	7
Fair	20	20	34	44
Good.....	65	65	60	41
Excellent.....	13	13	5	5
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor	1	1	1	5
Fair	10	10	11	26
Good.....	77	77	74	58
Excellent.....	12	12	14	9
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor	3	3	8	3
Fair	5	5	21	18
Good.....	74	74	53	67
Excellent.....	18	18	15	11
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	1	22
Poor	6	6	12	21
Fair	25	25	25	24
Good.....	57	56	50	27
Excellent.....	9	10	12	6
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	4	NA
Fair	16	16	17	NA
Good.....	63	64	54	NA
Excellent.....	21	20	25	NA
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	5	5	6	NA
Good.....	82	82	84	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	10	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	11
Poor	5	5	5	16
Fair	27	31	31	37
Good.....	62	58	62	35
Excellent.....	6	6	2	1
Spring wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	4
Poor	--	--	--	10
Fair	8	8	39	35
Good.....	84	84	55	46
Excellent.....	8	8	6	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	3	2	1	4
Fair	11	11	8	22
Good.....	71	72	72	59
Excellent.....	15	15	19	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	10
Poor	3	3	5	14
Fair	25	25	30	32
Good.....	64	64	50	38
Excellent.....	8	8	15	6

NA – not available

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